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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS THAT IMPRISONED AMCIT MORRIS HAS CIA CONNECTIONS

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1. THIRD PERSON NOTE DESCRIBED REFTEL DELIVERED A.M. OCTOBER 9 TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHEFE DO CABINETE SOUTO MAIOR BY DCM. DCM REMARKED THAT QUESTION OF MORRIS' ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT WITH CIA HAS APPARENTLY FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN MORRIS' INTERROGATIONS IN RECIFE. AS RECENT EXAMPLE, HE READ TO SOUTO MAIOR PARAGRAPH 3 OF RECIFE'S 192 (REPEATED DEPT. AS BRASILIA'S 7715).

2. SOUTO CIOR REMARKED THAT INFORMATION IN EMBASSY NOTE DENYING MORRIS LINK WITH U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WILL NOT BE NEWS TO GOB SINCE IT HAD ALREADY BEEN CONVEYED ORALLY, BUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OFFICIAL WRITTEN STATEMENT ON SUBJECT. DIFFICULT TO SAY, HE NOTED, WHERE THIS ALLEGATION OF CIA CONNECTION AROSE: OBVIOUSLY GOB HAD THE STORY AT AN EARLY STAGE IN THE PROCEEDINGS SINCE IT HAD BEEN RAISED WITH EMBASSY PRIOR AMBASSADOR'S OCTOBER THIRD

DISCUSSION WITH SILVEIRA.

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